Repression:

(ri-'pre-sh&n) 1. the process of holding back 2. the action of subduing 3. the method by which the rich and powerful maintain their control over society; often used in conjunction with propaganda and cooptation. See also police, courts, prison, etc.

A Few Things to Worry About

1. The US prison population consists of over 2.2 million people. The US incarcerates by far the largest proportion of its population of any country, accounting for a quarter of the world's prisoners.

- 2. There are 30 million video surveillance cameras in the United States shooting about four billion hours of footage every week.
- 3. The police are starting to resemble an army in terms of weapons, organization, mission, and uniforms.
- 4. Political dissidents are being heavily targeted by the government and are facing lengthy prison sentences.

